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Salisbury Acclaimed as a Best Old-House Neighborhood by Popular Magazine

Salisbury Listed among This Old House Magazine's Top 51 Neighborhoods throughout U.S. and Canada

Salisbury, NC_March 2, 2010 – The City of Salisbury has been named to *This Old House* magazine's top "51 Best Old-House Neighborhoods" across the U.S. and Canada. The publication's honor roll recognizes cities, towns and individual neighborhoods that have promising futures, people that care, and homes that truly deserve a long-term commitment. Six of the winning neighborhoods are featured in the **Best Old-House Neighborhoods** section in the March newsstand issue on page 34. All fifty-one neighborhoods are featured and pictured online at www.thisoldhouse.com/best-places with Salisbury selected to represent the state of North Carolina.

Mayor Susan Kluttz, speaking on behalf of the Salisbury City Council, offers, "We are sincerely honored to receive this outstanding designation and thank *This Old House* magazine for recognizing Salisbury for its wonderfully historic homes and culturally rich neighborhoods. Salisbury's diversity is reflected through generations of architecture and our neighborhoods provide a distinct appeal that is consistently celebrated and cherished. Our city offers a vibrant community with close-knit neighborhoods, unique shops, inviting restaurants, and picturesque vintage homes. With each trip to Salisbury, visitors truly do find one more reason to make it their home."

In a written correspondence, *This Old House* Editor Scott Omenianuk shares that the contest recognizes locations that may not be on magazine readers' radar, but deserve to be. Selected locations are "overflowing with beautiful, architecturally significant, or even, historic houses with special appeal to old-house-loving buyers." These neighborhoods offer places "where people are happy to lend a helping hand on a neighbor's home improvement project and where spur-of-the-moment porch parties are among residents' favorite summer activities." Omenianuk notes that craftsmanship of the homes and a preservation momentum in the area are key components to receiving the designation as well as neighborhood amenities including walkability, safety, and community. It's where "people come together for special events, whether it's a holiday festival, a house tour, a Fourth of July parade or a chilly night outside watching a local football game."

Salisbury Director of Community Planning Services Joe Morris provides, "The City of Salisbury offers ten historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places. The Register signifies the nation's official list of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and

districts that are worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture. In the city's planning and development of public policy, we consistently consider Salisbury's local history and the enhancing character of historic preservation. By embracing our irreplaceable historic heritage, we will enrich our community for both present and future generations."

The National Association of Realtors is the sponsor for the third annual "Best Places to Buy an Old House" contest. The **2010 Best Old-House Neighborhoods** listing provides neighborhoods populated by people who hold an admiration for finely crafted homes with a unique past and a vibrant future. Visit the Historic Salisbury Foundation at www.historicsalisbury.org for more information regarding the current availability of historic properties in Salisbury, NC.

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